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Identical letters dated 6 November 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have to honour to bring to your attention the following:

In the past few days, blind terrorism, Al-Qaeda-affiliated organizations and other armed criminals have struck in many parts of Syria, killing and wounding hundreds of innocent Syrian civilians, including children and women. Since the crisis began in Syria, several permanent and non-permanent members of the Security Council have presented a misleading picture of the forces that have contributed to the decline of Syria into violence, murder and destruction, with a view to realizing their personal agendas and destroying the Syrian nation and people.

The terrorist acts that are undertaken by the armed groups which are supported by the parties referred to above, in addition to overt connivance with, and the infamous funding and open armament of the terrorists, including with Stinger missiles, expose the truth about what is taking place in Syria and the parties who are behind the terrorism in the country. States including, in particular, France, Turkey and Qatar, as well as Libya, which has become an incubator for terrorists, have taken public stands in which they embrace and encourage the actions of the terrorist groups in a manner that conflicts with Security Council resolutions pertaining to counter-terrorism. Furthermore, they manipulate the media in order to mobilize world public opinion against Syria.

The series of terrorist bombings that has recently taken place in Syrian cities includes the bombing that took place in the Mazzah 86 area of Damascus on 5 November 2012 and caused the death and injury of scores of innocent civilians; the blowing up of a civilian bus in the Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp that killed five civilians, including women and children; and a mortar attack on the same camp by the terrorist groups that caused yet more casualties. Certain media organizations exposed just one of the scores of terrorist crimes that have been committed by the

so-called opposition in the city of Salqin after video clips had been circulated that showed those terrorists killing numerous defenceless Syrian Arab army soldiers and innocent civilians after mercilessly torturing and then firing on them. In other Syrian cities there have been scores of terrorist incidents that have been officially reported to the Security Council, which have met with no objective response from the Counter-Terrorism Committee. Currently, certain terrorist gangs are besieging and starving numerous civilians, driving them to the brink of disaster and denying them any humanitarian assistance. The International Committee of the Red Cross and the Syrian Red Crescent have been trying to reach the cities of Harim and Salqin for nearly two months, without any reaction from the self-styled sponsors of human rights and upholders of international law and international humanitarian law.

In accordance with international law, States, including Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Libya, Turkey, Great Britain, France and the United States of America, which supply the terrorist groups with money and arms, are complicit in the crimes that are committed in Syria, while certain States that falsely claim to fight terrorism continue to defend those crimes and, as the United States of America, Germany and Great Britain did recently, make it impossible for the Security Council to take the smallest measure to condemn them.

The Syrian Arab Republic, while it reiterates its appeal to the Security Council to assume its responsibility to condemn international terrorism and oblige the States concerned to stop funding, arming and harbouring the terrorist groups, cautions against the consequences of the continuation of those practices, which not only constitute a flagrant violation of counter-terrorism-related Security Council resolutions and the relevant provisions of international law, but also threaten security and peace in the region and the world. Rather than supporting and defending terrorism, those States should encourage the Syrian opposition parties to engage in national dialogue, in order to resolve the crisis in Syria by means of negotiations between the Syrians themselves, under Syrian leadership.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 105, and of the Security Council.

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